

American English Language Classes January 16 to April 7, 2006

Core Courses:

- **<u>Beginner English</u>** 2 sections (90 hours of instruction) Tuition is 70,000 kyat. Classes will be filled from the placement tests.
- <u>High Beginner English</u> 2 sections (90 hours of instruction) Tuition is 70,000 kyat. Classes will be filled with current American Center students and from the placement tests.
- <u>Low Intermediate English</u> 2 sections (90 hours of instruction) Tuition is 70,000 kyat. Classes will be filled with current American Center students and from the placement tests.
- <u>Intermediate English</u> 2 sections (90 hours of instruction) Tuition is 70,000 kyat. Classes will be filled with current American Center students and from the placement tests.
- <u>High Intermediate English I</u> 1 section (60 hours of instruction) Tuition is 50,000 kyat. Classes will be filled from the placement tests.
- <u>High Intermediate English II</u> 2 sections (60 hours of instruction) Tuition is 50,000 kyat. Classes will be filled with current American Center students and from the placement tests.

Placement test results will be posted Tuesday, December 13 and class lists will be posted Monday, December 19 at 11am. Please register and pay the class fee on December 20 and 21 from 9am –noon.



Electives:

 Sign-up dates for interviews for "<u>Introduction to Journalism</u>, <u>Business English</u>, <u>American Rhetoric</u>": November 28-December 06.

Interview dates: December 6

Class list posted with core classes December 19

- English Through Modern Music & Computer Skills
 Training: Sign-up first come, first serve! December 19-20.
- Elective Class lists will be posted December 21, after core class lists are posted.
- 1. English Through Modern Music (50 students) incorporates contemporary Alternative Rock, R&B, Rap, and Hip Hop, including classics from the 80's and 90's to build vocabulary, listening comprehension, verbal and writing skills. Assessment of students will be based on attendance, group participation in discussion of lyrics, objective tests of vocabulary, three written paragraphs, and at least one exercise in original song writing. Minimum requirement: Must have completed high beginner English or scored above the High Beginner Level on the placement test. First come, first serve! (50,000 kyat)
- 2. Computer Skills Training: (12 students) This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to the skills required for basic computer use. You will become familiar with the hardware and software required for Internet use (including the use of e-mail) and for creating documents. The course also involves a research component and an English-language component to familiarize you with the vocabulary and writing skills related to computer / Internet use. Sign-up begins December 19, 05.

Minimum requirement: Participants must have completed High Beginner English or scored above the High Beginner Level on the placement test. First come, first serve! (25,000 kyat)



3. American Rhetoric (18 students) Rhetoric, or debate, is the skill, study, and art of using language effectively and persuasively. Rhetoric has been used by such famous American figures as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Emma Goldman. This research and discussion based class will introduce students to various topics and include: critical thought, objectivity vs. subjectivity, and the use of evidence in analysis.

Minimum requirement: Participants must have completed High Intermediate English 1. No students will be taken from the placement test. Come for **a short interview** Tuesday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (50,000 kyat).

- 4. Business English (25 students) This special course is for older working adults with a good command of English will be offered from 5:30-7pm Mon, Wed, and Thurs. You can sign up for an interview November 28- December 5. Come for a short interview Tuesday, December 6 anytime from 10:30 am-12:00pm or 5 7 pm. Class lists will be posted Monday, December 19 at 11am. Please sign up at registration December 20 and 21 from 9am –noon. You do not need to take the placement test. (50,000 kyat).
- 5. Introduction to Journalism: (20 students) Through reading current affairs, watching news clips and writing short articles, students will receive a basic foundation in understanding international news. The class is designed for persons who have no or very limited professional experience in the field of journalism. Students will learn how to write news and build journalism-specific vocabulary in addition to building more general, advanced vocabulary and improving reading and listening comprehension. You can sign up for an interview November 28- December 5. Come for a short interview Tuesday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You do not need to take the placement test. (50,000 kyat).



6. American Cultural studies (20 students): This course is designed to provide you with an understanding of American culture(s). The various aspects of American culture that will be studied will include multiculturalism and cultural identity. Students will also work with various texts from American social scientists.

Minimum Requirements: Participants must have completed High Beginner English or scored above the High Beginner Level on the placement test. Come for a **short interview** on Tuesday December 6 from 11:00 am to 12:30 am and 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. You can sign up for an interview November 28-December 5. (50,000 kyat).

NOTE:

- Registration for all classes : December 21 & 22, 2005
- There is no "passing" or "failing" the placement tests. They simply give us an idea of your level.
- You must provide proof of your age and successful completion of 10th standard when you register. All students who register for the core classes must be at least 17 years old. There is no age limit for electives.
- Tuition fees are not refundable.
- Those who took the placement test in August 2005 and did not get into a class, please call Mr. Kumar at 223140, 223106, 221585 to sign up for the Jan-April 2006 term.
- The American Center (until 1999 known as U.S.I.S.) desires to help Burmese improve their skills in English. All are welcome.

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